

COLLECTING DATA ON WAR HISTORY

NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL COMMISSION CANVASSING STATE FOR MATERIAL.

HOUSE CONDUCTING CAMPAIGN

General Assembly Appropriated Money for Collection and Preservation of These Invaluable Records.

Raleigh. The North Carolina Historical Commission is canvassing the entire state for letters, diaries, pictures, newspaper clippings—in fact, all materials of any nature that throw light on North Carolina in the World War. R. B. House, Collector of War Records for the Historical Commission, is conducting this canvass by going to the sources of such official records as Red Cross Chapter Histories, Local Board reports, etc., by organizing volunteer committees to assist him in the various counties, and by going himself from community to community all over the state. These materials canvassed for, valuable as they are, will perish very rapidly unless they are stored where fire, rats and other destroying agencies cannot get at them. Practically the only safe depository for such things is the fireproof Hall of History in Raleigh. Realizing the necessity of preserving these valuable records, the last general assembly appropriated money for the work, and directed the historical commission not only to collect all data possible about North Carolina in the World War, but to prepare a complete history of the state's life in that great event.

Central Traffic Committee. The traffic committee of the Raleigh chamber of commerce congratulating the chambers of commerce of North Carolina on their part in the freight rate fight just terminated in favor of North Carolina shippers, suggests the need of a central organization in order that these shippers may avail themselves of the advantages offered in the decision.

In New Naval Division. By cutting off the southern end of the eastern naval division and the northern end of the southern division, a new naval division the southeastern with headquarters in Atlanta, and in charge of Commander Roper, has been formed.

This division contains the states of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama.

New Organization Chartered. The Sons and Daughters and American Liberty, a fraternal, patriotic and beneficent organization to be formed, with headquarters in Charlotte, has been chartered by Secretary J. Bryan Grimes, with the approval of Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, the charter members comprising a number of the leading citizens of Charlotte.

Penalty for Hazing. Investigation into hazing at the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, recently, when Congressman R. A. Doughton's son was among the freshmen hazed was followed by the dismissal of three sophomores, M. Kacs of Golsboro, Ralph Query of Richmond Va., and J. A. Stewman of Lancaster, S. C.

Decrease in Tuberculosis. A decrease of approximately fifteen per cent in the number of deaths caused by tuberculosis in North Carolina during the past four years is shown in figures tabulated at the State Sanatorium for the treatment of this disease.

The total number of deaths from this cause in the state for the year 1915 was 3,710. In 1918 the total number had been reduced to 3,160, a difference of 550.

Inequality in Law. A concurring opinion in the case of State v. O'Higgins, from Cumberland, in which the supreme court found no error, gave Chief Justice Walter Clark a chance to attack the provisions of the North Carolina law prohibiting conviction of a man charged with eloping with a married woman upon the unsupported testimony of the woman.

The opinion was one of fifteen filed by the court, several of which were of local interest. The opinion was written by Associate Justice Brown.

Health Work for Negroes. In forty-three counties in the state special health work is being done among the colored people by the extension department of the bureau of tuberculosis of the state board of health, co-operating with the state department of education. Community leagues have been organized in these counties, and the total membership is in excess of twenty thousand. Leaders in these community leagues have pledged approximately \$8,000 as their quota of the Red Cross Christmas seals.

Governor Backs National Guard.

"I am firmly of the opinion that the backbone of the national defense will be the National Guard and I propose to make the guard of this state second to none," said Governor Bickett in a communication to all the former officers and enlisted men of the National Guard, in which he called upon them for co-operation in the reorganization of the guard in this state.

The governor expressed the regret that it is impossible at this time to appoint and enlist all the splendid officers and men who served with distinction and credit in the world war. He promised, however, that all will be called upon to undertake the organization of additional units next year.

Twelve of the companies of the First infantry, North Carolina national guard, are now being organized.

Major Gordon Smith, assistant adjutant general, who is directing the reorganization of the National Guard, expects the forces allotted to North Carolina for the fiscal year to be completely organized by January, 1920.

Freight Reduction Granted.

Raleigh had a mild-sized jubilation over the winning of the freight rate discrimination contest before the Interstate Commerce commission, an investigation which began here before Commissioner J. B. Eastman in the spring and was concluded in Washington.

The fight then was for the Virginia differential. Over the long distance telephone J. H. Fishback, representing the North Carolina cities and chambers of commerce, announced that North Carolina places like Raleigh, Greensboro and Goldsboro, will get a reduction of 20 cents on that differential. Had the state collected 18 cents it would have been gloriously happy. It gets more than it expected.

Of course this is a separate issue from that presented September 15, when North Carolina protested raising the rates to make up a deficit created by the discriminations in favor of Virginia. The business men of the state expect to win that, too.

Sheep Industry Booming.

George Evans, sheep extension worker of the agricultural extension service, has just returned from a trip to the farms of pure bred sheep breeders in different sections of the county where he purchased 140 grade ewes and 40 pure bred rams and ewes at prices ranging from \$50 to \$100 per head.

This is one of the largest orders for sheep that has ever been placed by North Carolina farmers at any one time. Mr. Evans had orders for several more, but, because of the great demand for better sheep by farmers all over the county, he was unable to secure the animals desired at the prices which he was commissioned to pay.

Large Tobacco Yield.

That there is still a big tobacco yield in North Carolina, notwithstanding the great shortage in condition of the crop, is evident from the leaf tobacco warehouse sales reports which showed 79,220,071 pounds were reported sold by 164 warehouses.

The 20 that did not report are estimated to have sold 8,285,000 pounds, making a total of 87,505,071 pounds of first-hand or producers' sales. This is much the same as the reports showed for last year.

To Award Rhodes Scholarship.

The Rhodes scholarship for North Carolina will be awarded October 30, according to an announcement made by President H. W. Chase, of the University of North Carolina.

Twelve applications have already been made for this scholarship, which is the largest number of any one year, and from the number of inquiries, President Chase said, there is a greater amount of interest among the colleges of the state than there has ever been before.

Post-War Reconstruction.

North Carolina's post-war reconstruction program got under way when Governor Bickett called the state reconstruction commission to meet here October 23 and forwarded to the members a tentative program of work for their consideration.

Legion Convention October 30.

The state convention of the American Legion, scheduled for October 24 and 25, during fair week, has been postponed until October 30, in order to relieve the delegates of the necessity of having to secure lodging in the city during the congestion incident to the state fair crowds. By postponing the meeting until the later date the necessity for a two days' session is also eliminated. The first session will probably be held in the afternoon of October 29 and the business concluded at a night session.

Debt to North Carolina.

It is estimated that the war debt payment at Washington is due North Carolina citizens about \$75,000 balance on account of administering the selective draft and J. Frank Mitchell who was disbursing agent for the government in this work is leaving for Washington in a few days to personally investigate the situation that all accounts and vouchers were closed and sent to Washington. May and the government checks payment of the claims are far due.

Hats Agree to Disagree



An almost endless number of styles, with none of them dominant as yet, characterize the display of millinery and gowns this season. The powers that be in the production of them must have agreed to disagree, for every designer appears to have operated independently of the others—in a measure. In fabrics they are of one mind, but in costumes we have widely varying silhouettes—the straight and slim from one source, the draped figure from another, wide hip and crinoline effects from several. Skirts and sleeves from some authoritative houses persist in being very short—both are lengthened by others, and bodices reveal a disparity more striking than any other, going from very low necks to collars so high that they reach the ears. There is a lack of coherence in the modes, but in the wide variety offered certainly every type of face and figure can be suited.

Among the styles that have been received with enthusiasm by discriminating judges of good millinery there are many medium-sized hats. A group of four, shown above, presents widely different types, each of them having scored a success. Whatever may be the difference of opinion about shapes, designers are agreed upon the use of rich materials, and the four hats that constitute this group are fine examples of the mode. The hat at the top has a moderate wide brim and represents the wide-brimmed class that includes many picturesque models that are very wide. This hat is of panne velvet faced with

plain velvet, and is trimmed with a wreath of ostrich plumes ending in a short, droopy plume. Ostrich, curled and uncurled, is with us again in plumes big and little, long and short. It returns from a banishment that lasted several seasons.

Velvet and long napped beaver make the pretty hat with big, soft crown, at the left of the group. An embroidered pattern at the right side of the crown and a sash of narrow silk and gold ribbon around it are all that it needs for trimming.

The hat at the right is one of the smartest for a matron. It is rather intricate as to trim, and has a light draped crown—all of velvet. A ribbon is tied about the crown, ending in a bow at the front in a manner so simple and so artful that it bespeaks the hand of an artist. Three tall, glycerined ostrich plumes are mounted at the back.

The last hat recalls the Napoleon shape and employs velvet in two colors—black on the upturned brim and silver gray on the crown. Lengthwise groups of tufts with small gray tassels between them proclaim this a member of the tailored class, with leanings in the direction of trimming.

Veil Bound in Ribbon.

There are veils that are bound with ribbon about the lower edge and this ribbon extends beyond the end of the veil, which is just large enough to go around the hat and is tied in a bow at the back of the hat.

Suits Differ in Details of Design



In suits, as in frocks and hats, there is a considerable variety in styles to choose from this season. But these differences are not very apparent until one has given suits a more than casual study; they lie in small details of design. At the beginning of the season suits presented coats both short and long, but the longer coats have persisted and are accepted. Skirts are wider and have gradually grown a little shorter than in the early models. A happy medium is always a safer choice in street clothes, but the item of becomingness is more important than any other and there is a suit for every figure this season. Women should find themselves more becomingly clothed than in seasons where styles are less varied; at present there is every chance to suit individual taste.

Two of the plainer suits, are illustrated above. At the left the model is one of those that refuses to dispense with a vest in a contrasting color, that had such a vogue during the summer. But it shows a coat much lengthened and a skirt comfortably wide. Its collar and fastening are distinctly of the new season, where collars are uniformly snug and cozy looking and either of fur or cloth. Its

straight lines are emphasized by small tufts at each side of the coat, but a narrow belt of the material adjusts them to the figure in a way that is easy and smart.

In the suit at the right there is a revelation of the liking for fancier designs in tailored clothes. Oddities of cut, with new fabrics and new colors, make a strong appeal to individual taste and account for many unusual designs. Duvetyn, peachblow, velours and similar cloths are favored for suits of this character, and tricotine is best liked for the plainer models, although this is no hard-and-fast rule. Brown, taupe, reindeer, dark green, besides navy, are fashionable colors with which collars and cuffs of seal or beaver, squirrel and kolinsky look particularly well. In the suit shown here Hudson seal makes deep cuffs and a choker that will justify the added expensiveness of furs, which is considerable this year, by doing duty with other costumes. Very small tufts and very large buttons invite consideration as a trimming.

Julia Bottomley

MAN TURNED UP BY WIFE

Georgia Man Selling Auto Trucks for Charlotte Concern Is Arrested at Salisbury on Charge of Murder.

Salisbury.—Lloyd B. Robinson, who has been selling automobile trucks in Salisbury for a Charlotte firm for several months, has been arrested and will be taken to Georgia, where he is charged with having killed a negro.

Robinson says there is nothing to the charge and he has agreed to go without requisition papers.

Local officers were tipped off by Mrs. Robinson that her husband had killed a man and inquiry of the Georgia authorities brought the request from Statesboro that he be arrested.

Since his arrest Mrs. Robinson has repented of having turned up her husband and she spent a long time with him in jail.

Fayetteville.—An expert cotton grader, sent by state and federal bureau of cotton grading, will arrive here to take up his work in Fayetteville.

Greensboro.—Definite steps being taken to organize a Virginia Carolina League for next season with Danville and Lynchburg of Virginia, Durham, Raleigh, Winston and Greensboro of North Carolina composing the circuit.

Winston-Salem.—The board of trade directors are determined to secure a modern hotel and apartment house for Winston-Salem. One million dollars will be expended in the hotel and perhaps \$250,000 in the apartment house.

Fayetteville.—A mass meeting, composed of some 250 representative men, endorsed the administration of law in Fayetteville, hinted at the existence of insidious foreign doctrine among negroes here, and started a movement for organization by colored leaders in the interest of law and order.

Raleigh.—Three divorce cases have been started in Superior Court, two of them involving well known Raleigh people. Harry E. Jones is seeking a separation from Maude McClaire Jones, Mabel Scarborough Crinkley, and Lena Cox has started proceedings against J. N. Cox.

Monroe.—The Union county public schools will open between October 27 and November 3. County Superintendent Ray Funderburk has issued a statement calling upon the people of the county to observe the compulsory school law of the state and to let everyone consider himself an attendance officer.

Bailey.—The local tobacco market continues to have heavy sales and it seems that prices have not yet reached their highest point. It was officially announced here that both the Leader and the Planters' Warehouses made an average, the market over, together, of \$62.84 per hundred pounds inclusively all scrap tobacco.

Rocky Mount.—Rocky Mount had as visitors the oldest pair of twins in the world. At least that is the claim of the twins themselves, and there is every reason to believe that the assertion is true.

The visitors were J. D. and John H. Whitehurst, of Pitt county, who are 81 years old and both hale and hearty.

Asheville.—The sub-committee of postoffices and post roads reported favorably on Owen Guder to be postmaster at Asheville. This means that he will doubtless be confirmed without much delay.

Senator Overman has introduced into the senate a bill to establish a U. S. naval coaling station at Southport and to increase the depth of Southport harbor to Wilmington.

Winston-Salem.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall will deliver an address in this city on Saturday night, November 15 under the auspices of the local Moose lodge, the vice president being one of the founders of Mooseheart where the Moose have a home for indigent members and their children and which is the pride of the order. The distinguished visitor is expected to spend a day here.

Gins Working Double Time.

Lumberton.—Practically all the cotton crop in Robeson is open and the crop will have been almost harvested by November 1. The gins are crowded and many are being operated both day and night in order to keep up with the ginning. Much of the crop is being sold, while many farmers are holding their cotton. A cotton storage warehouse bonded under the warehouse law passed by the last legislature will be opened in Lumberton. Several other warehouses will be opened soon.

Warm Times in Charlotte.

Charlotte.—About 3,500 people attended a mass meeting here of the administration support in the auditorium. The speakers charged the opposition with being merely seeking to gain political jobs.

While this meeting was in progress, an open-air meeting of anti-administration men was held in North Charlotte, a cotton mill settlement.

Candidates for the offices of the present commissioners denounced charges that they were against law and order.

ASSOCIATIONS OF PARENT-TEACHERS

CHARLOTTE HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO OTHERS TO ATTEND JOINT MEETING.

TO FORM STATE FEDERATION

These Associations Have Been Found of Invaluable Service to Schools Wherever Organized.

Charlotte.—The Parent-Teacher associations of Charlotte have invited other associations of the state to send delegates to a joint meeting to be held in Charlotte, November 4, 5, and 6 for the purpose of organizing a state federation and to affiliate with the national federation. Mrs. Schoff of Philadelphia, president of the national federation, will be present and address the meeting. Any school that has no local association should send a delegate to this meeting who can go back home and organize a local association. Delegates who expect to attend should write to Mrs. J. H. Shuford, corresponding secretary, 411 East Boulevard, Charlotte N. C., that hotel accommodations may be engaged for them.

The Parent-Teacher associations wherever organized have been of invaluable service to the schools of the community.

Lumberton.—Candis Brake, colored, aged 100 years, died at her home, near Lumberton.

Albemarle.—Dee Porter, who was shot during the riot here in the early morning of September 15, died at a Statesville hospital.

Asheville.—Elvirey Ceborne, colored, believed to be the oldest woman in Buncombe county, died at the county home here recently at the age of 106 years.

Mt. Airy.—According to the latest statistics compiled by the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce the total apple crop of this section will fall fully 60 per cent short of normal.

Asheville.—Following the alleged stabbing of a man named Huskins in Yancey county, R. O. Kelly, a Haywood county young man, was placed under a \$10,000 bond in Superior Court here.

Winston-Salem.—In line with some twenty other cities of the United States, the directors of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company created community trust foundations for Winston-Salem, Asheville, Salisbury and High Point. The banking company has banks in each of these cities.

Fayetteville.—Marley M. Melvin, Fayetteville policeman, charged by Ben Ward with assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty by a recorder's court jury following a two-day trial.

Lenoir.—Thrilling air stunts, tall spins and loop-the-loops marked the close of the most successful day of the Caldwell county fair. This was the first airplane ever in this particular section of the state.

Lexington.—At a mass meeting of the citizens of Denton the people unanimously decided to consolidate the two schools of the town, the Denton State high school and the one conducted by the Methodist Protestant church, into one institution.

Asheville.—The Rev. R. Dabney Carson, D. D., of Abingdon presbytery, Virginia, was unanimously elected moderator at the opening of the annual meeting of the synod of Appalachia, in session at the First Presbyterian church here for two days.

Vice-President at Kinston.

Kinston.—"I will not talk about the League of Nations," said Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall in an address here at the Fifteen-County Fair. "The peace treaty, with some reservations, is going to be ratified," Mr. Marshall added. "I believe in a League of Nations, but I want to preserve American institutions. The preservation of the republic depends upon the submerging of individual rights for the benefit of the commonwealth and the benefit of humanity."

To Issue Wharf Bonds.

Fayetteville.—An ordinance directing the city attorney to draw up the measure for the issuance of municipal bonds to construct wharves on the Cape Fear river, subject to approval by popular vote, was unanimously passed by the Fayetteville board of aldermen at a special meeting after the Cumberland county dock board had appeared before the aldermen and informed the city fathers that they had found a vote of the people of the city would be necessary to make the bond issue.